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Speaker of the House Andy Tobin

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ADOSH report on forestry division

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Dec. 4, 2013) – Speaker Andy Tobin will study the report release by the Arizona Department of Occupational Safety and Health and plans to meet with officials from the Arizona Division of Forestry as well as ADOSH. Due to the likelihood of legal action being taken, it may not be possible to comment further on the report.

Speaker Tobin did note that Arizona must improve its ability to mitigate wildfires before they happen and pose a threat to life and property. Establishing a permanent hot shot crew maybe part of the solution as well as improving communication systems, weather tracking systems and equipment.

"The memory of the 19 firefighters that lost their lives will remain with us, and remind us how much we depend on each other, especially during critical moments like the Yarnell Hill Fire."

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